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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG MOPS LE SY

SUBJ: DAMAGE TO SIDON OIL REFINERY

1. EMBOFF CALLED UPON LOCAL TAPLINE REP FOR ESTIMATION OF DAMAGES TO RECENTLY-SHELLED SIDON (LEBANON) REFINERY. TAPLINE REP TELEPHONED (VIA OWN MICROWAVE RELAY NETWORK) SIDON TO SPEAK TO DAVID DODGE, MANAGER FOR LEBANON, SYRIA, AND JORDAN. DODGE GAVE EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATE OF DAMAGES:

2. THE REFINERY COMPLEX WAS SHELLED THREE TIMES: JUNE 29, LIGHT DAMAGE; JULY 9, HEAVY DAMAGE TO THE REFINERY; AND JULY 11, HEAVY DAMAGE TO STORAGE TANKS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CASUALTIES. TAPLINE'S OWN CRUDE OIL STORAGE TANKS, ADJACENT TO THE REFINERY, HAVE NOT BEEN HIT. ALL FIRES ARE PRESENTLY UNDER CONTROL. TWO TANKS CONTAINING 9000 BBLS OF PREMIUM GASOLINE HAVE BEEN BURNED OUT; SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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6000 BBLS REMAIN IN THE REFINERY. ALL TANKS CONTAINING

ORDINARY GASOLINE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND CONTENTS  
LOST. TWO DIESEL TANKS CONTAINING 46,000 BBLs WERE  
DESTROYED; SOME 60,000 BBLs OF DIESEL FUEL REMAIN  
IN THE REFINERY. TANKS CONTAINING KEROSENE AND JET  
FUEL (TOTAL ABOUT 35,000 BBLs) HAVE NOT BEEN HIT.  
DODGE ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT THREE WEEKS' SUPPLY OF  
GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, AT PRESENT RATE OF  
CONSUMPTION, REMAIN IN THE REFINERY. HE DOES NOT  
KNOW IF THE LEFTISTS AND PALESTINIANS HAVE STORED  
FUEL ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. THE REFINERY ITSELF  
IS CLOSED DOWN AFTER SUFFERING HEAVY DAMAGE. DODGE  
ESTIMATES IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS TO  
REPAIR THE REFINERY, ONCE PEACE IN THE AREA IS  
RESTORED AND PARTS AND LABOR ARE AVAILABLE.  
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